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Arab people which has begun to lead a new universal revival of all mankind.

Greetings once again to the youth of the air defense, and greetings to the Arab people in the Jamahiriya, to the armed people, and to the historic leadership thanks to whom this people now determines its own affairs. Forward. The revolutionary struggle continues.

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[Interview with Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi by *AL-MAWQIF AL-'ARABI* magazine editor in chief 'Abd al-'Azim Manaf — date and place not given]

[Text] ['Abd al-'Azim Manaf] When the Suez war broke out, Eden [former British prime minister] said: We taught 'Abd al-Nasir [former Egyptian president] the lesson we wanted. It was indeed a lesson. Eden departed and Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir remained. The British empire fell and the sun of pan-Arabism rose. Reagan said the same thing. What is the lesson which Reagan has taught you or the lesson you have taught Reagan? [Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi] Generally speaking, the superpower's resort to military force is in itself a sign of frustration and that they lack justification or proof. This is first. Second, there is no doubt that the United States is now leading the 10th crusade. Although the periods of time are far apart for us as humans, for nations they are close. The 10th crusade is now beginning. If the smoke of factories is covering up U.S. barbarism, the fire of Reagan's bombs has exposed this barbarism. In fact, it has become clear to all those who have a mind and conscience that those who are controlling the Atlantic are from a species which has nothing to do with man. Who is this man who accepts aggression against secure people? Who is this man who accepts the bombing of cities, universities, and hospitals? Who is this man who terrifies and kills women and children? Can such people be human beings and men? Both words mean civilization, understanding, respect, and response to the laws of the age concerning peoples' right to live and nations' right to choose their own path. This is the meaning of the human species, as defined by science and understood by people.

[Manaf] Brother Colonel. In doing what they have done, the Americans are using so-called terrorism as a cover. They say that you are encouraging and planning it. What is the truth? What is true and wrong in this?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] In fact, the issue is not that of terrorism or that of Rome and Vienna. All of this lacks evidence. So far there is no single evidence for this allegation. If the United States has the evidence, why has it not given it to the EEC? All of us know the Zionist lobby's immense potential in press and politics in the United States, whether among congressmen or government, Pentagon, and Department of State officials. If this evidence existed, would they hesitate to use it? They even forge justifications and information and bring false witnesses and pass judgments against Third World peoples. The issue is in fact that of colonialism which is repeating itself. It is the conflict of wills — that of independence against subservience; that of freedom against hege-

mony and backwardness; unity against fragmentation; nationalism against regionalism; and construction against destruction.

The issue is that of destruction of progressive forces in this region. They are insisting that the East should not rise and that the Arab nation should not unite. That is why they have been anxious to create the Zionist entity and they pledged to guarantee its existence and strengthen it against us until the present day. If we remain fragmented as we are now, suffering will continue. Logic has no place in dealing with people like Reagan. Which logic can justify his aggression on Grenada, this small country? What kind of humanity is that which justifies the mining of the port of Grenada? Was this mining done in order to give food to the fish? What kind of civilization is that which justifies demolishing houses above their owners. Was this carried out in order to turn these houses into gardens, hospitals, and universities for the next generations? Is this not terrorism itself? Which civilization justifies the U.S. fleet's continued presence against the will of the Arab Lebanese people in order to support aggression and terrorism against Sabra and Shatila? Did this fleet come to activate tourism or to conclude apple deals, or did it come to spread terrorism through cluster bombs and destroyers?

Did the Egyptian civilian airliner threaten the U.S. fleet or jeopardize U.S. interests when it was forced to land at a military base? When the pilot of this plane asked about the identity of the planes which surrounded his airliner in an air piracy act he was threatened that his plane would be attacked and blown up. When the pilot — after he landed — asked what is that law which allows such an act, the base commander said: "My law." Was this made in the framework of cooperation, freedom, equality, progress, and prosperity for the people or was it an aggression and terrorism against human beings, people's freedom, independence and human rights, norms, and morals? Reagan, the killer of children, does not know this.

Therefore, the issue is not that of terrorism, because they do not have any evidence. It is rather the issue of Palestine, Arab unity, socialism and progress, and man's freedom and independent will and decisionmaking. This is our cause and these are our goals. But this cause is their target and they have a veto against these goals. We can say that the issue is a conflict of wills. Shall we surrender to the U.S. Administration and dismiss our character, relinquish our rights, and give up our goals, or shall we hold steadfast to prove that the world will not act upon the will of tyranny or tyrants and aggressors, and work according to the belief that these aggressors should understand that we are human beings who share with them the right to the sun and land?

What the aggressors do not want to understand is that the policy of freehandedness, hegemony, and the usurpation of the rights of peoples and nations reflect their lack of understanding of the law of history. This also shows that they do not understand that when empires have the policy of freehandedness and when they continue their hegemony and excesses this means that this is the beginning of the end. This is a historical inevitability. They should reread the distant history of the empires of the Mongols, Alexander the Great, the Ottomans, of Nazism in Germany, and Fascism in Italy. If they are not concerned with the distant past, let them read the near past as in the case with Hanoi, Beirut, and Tripoli. All these empires [as published] came to an end when

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they exceeded limits. This is a historical fact: Right conquers and people remain; empires perish and come to an end.

Raids and the roaring of fleets will not stop us from seeking our goal of liberating Palestine, uniting the Arabs in one state, supporting the causes of liberation movements, developing our society, defending our land and independence, and preserving our dignity and humanity. We have either to be or not to be. In this context, I would like to emphasize that our will is up to our goals. Our will is, of course, stronger than the 6th Fleet and the free hand of NATO. The legend which used to terrify people has been destroyed.

[Manaf] What is your comment, Mr Colonel, on the argument that war is a reply to Libya's terrorism?

The colonel gave a big laugh and said: You mean the United States made the war because of terrorism. He said: Was the mining of Grenada and the aggression against its people also because of terrorism? Have all the crimes in Latin America been committed because of terrorism? Their fleet went to Beirut port without any invitation or agreement; was this because of terrorism or was it done to protect terrorism? Was the U.S. role in the bombing and destruction of the PLO headquarters in Tunis not terrorism itself? Are we responsible for everything that takes place all over the world only because the United States forges allegations against us to implement its plots and justify its aggression? Were the plot by Lavon [former Israeli defense minister], the plot against the U.S. center in Egypt, and the burning of the cinema in Alexandria, for example, made by Egyptians? What is left is that they hold us responsible for Challenger's explosion and the assassination of the Swedish prime minister. We should not be deceived by the logic of the enemies who consider people's legitimate struggle as terrorism, as they say about the Palestinian revolution and the Arab liberation movement. is legitimate. They use the veto politically and they provide military hardware for the true terrorists who have usurped Palestine and killed children and women in Sabra, Shatila, Bahr al-Baqar [in Egypt], and in other places. Is this logic? Shall we be deceived by this logic which confuses terrorism and resistance?

[Manaf] Have you ever thought of revenge against Reagan's family or against civilians here?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] They said Reagan tightened security around his children. We tell him that our morals do not justify killing children and that he should lift security around his children and leave them live their childhood in happiness because it is not their fault that their father is the killer of children. We do not punish one for others' faults. We are not cowards who kill children, the elderly, and the innocent.

As for the foreigners in our country, they are free. We are Arabs and understand the guest's rights and value their expertise. Whoever wants to leave for his country can leave and whoever wants to stay can stay in peace. We need them and they need us. I do not think they are influenced in any way by the black propaganda because they can see the facts with their own eyes.

[Manaf] What about the position of the brothers? Who was first to contact you on the Arab and African levels?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] The African presidents told me that volunteers

are at my disposal. The revolutionary African leaders formed political groups. They said: You fight the military battle and we will fight the political battle on your behalf. President Hafiz al-Asad, President Chadli Bendjedid, and Chairman Haydar al-'Attas called me several times a day. Despite all the circumstances, the Arab kings and presidents contacted me several times daily. Demonstrations were staged throughout the homeland in which the Arab people demanded a boycott of the United States. The Arab presidents and kings demanded the convocation of a summit. This is a good thing.

[Manaf] Brother colonel, were your political options subjected to exhaustion or uncertainty when the blood of your adopted daughter "Hana" was shed before your eyes and when your sons "Khamis and Sayf," may God grant them recovery, were wounded?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] This matter is not subject to hesitation. It is a matter of life or death. This is our doctrine which controls our principles. If we preserve our doctrine we will continue to exist, but if we abandon it we will then have passed the sentence of annihilation on ourselves. The raids cannot cancel these historical options even if the United States undertakes to drop its nuclear bombs on our territories. We are ready to die in defense of our land and adhere to our principles. There is no force capable of standing in the way of attaining this honorable goal. God is greater than the United States and NATO. As for the issue of my children, all those who were wounded or martyred have the same status as my children. These are innocent people who were martyred and wounded by the bombs of "Reagan and Thatcher, the killers of children."

[Manaf] What is your interpretation of the European position? When Britain attended an EEC conference to discuss the situation it had information about the aggression and concealed its decision to take part in the aggression while France, which interferes along your border with Chad, did not approve of this. This affected your relationship with Europe.

[Al-Qadhdhafi] We cannot actually dissociate some Europeans from the historical crusade. The Europeans are currently falling under U.S. terrorism. They have adopted decisions. They said: "We do not know why and how these resolutions were adopted and what are their consequences." The best example of this is the position of Greece. After taking part in the meeting, Greece said: I will not implement these resolutions though I attended the meeting. I do not agree to implement them because there is no evidence or proof. I do not envisage a need that requires choosing a country like Libya and reducing the number of its diplomatic mission members. "Reagan" is the one who chose this state and did not provide evidence. What is your evidence? If "Reagan" had a piece of evidence, then why did he not present it to us? The truth is that the "Italians, the Spanish, the French, and the Germans contacted us and told us that this is a crazy man and that he wants to drive the world to a disaster that destroys everybody. We plead to you that you wait for 24 months after which he will go to hell with the end of the Reagan term of office and remain in the dustbin of history."

[Manaf] Brother Colonel, Do you see a need to revive the Arab-European dialogue — even if it were between one country and Europe — to explain political views, or is the matter confined to economical interests?

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[Al-Qadhdhafi] The Europeans in general have interests with the Arabs. The Arabs can benefit much from these interests. But the United States is sacrificing Europe's interests. The truth is that the United States is not concerned with Europe's interests at all. It deals with them with extreme selfishness. It only considers its private interests at the expense of European interests. The United States sacrifices the security of Europe. The best example of this is getting Europe involved in the program of medium-range missiles. This makes Europe a scapegoat. This is designed only to protect the northern part of the American continent.

[Manaf] Has the war between you and the United States and your unilateral confrontation of the U.S. enemy without the rest of the Arab nation prompted you to review your Arab and international alliances?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] The Arabs have two choices: The present Arab governments and regimes should rise to meet the threat facing the Arab nation, which is the policy which the Arab masses want. Consequently, the Arab governments and regimes must pursue such a policy, otherwise they will begin to fall, because it is a battle in which victory is for the masses and anyone who opposes the will of the masses will be defeated. The principal desire of the masses is unity. If there had been one state from Syria to Tangiers, the United States would not have been able to pass so easily across Arab airspace and territory to reach my tent, and the task would not have been so simple or so easy. The same thing applies to the home of any old man, or to the bed of any child, or to a hospital, or to the headquarters of a king or president.

We have two choices: Either the Arab rulers establish unity, or it will be the masses who will establish unity. It is the beginning of a new history of the struggle. Let us destroy the myth of imperialism. Some people have been fearing and still fear the United States. They fear that anyone who confronts the United States or is attacked by the United States will be finished. However, there is a clear and indisputable fact: Namely, the tent remained erect and vanquished the NATO fleets.

[Manaf] What about international alliances; is there anything on the horizon?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] With regard to international alliances, the battle has somewhat activated the dialogue and the rapprochement with the socialist countries. Consultations are currently taking place in that regard. The reason is that the other side wants to do what it pleases in the world, and that is inconsistent with the international balance of forces. If the United States should act freehandedly, this will upset the balance with the Soviet Union, and if NATO should act freehandedly, then this will upset the international balance between it and the Warsaw Pact. Consequently, NATO's freehanded action has shaken the international balance. The other side moved, and its movement was positive both for Libya and for the rest of the Arabs. Reagan's ignorant behavior could push Libya into becoming [another] Cuba. Cuba did not use to be communist and Castro did not use to be communist, but the stupidity of the United States made Cuba communist. Someone may emerge in Libya and — in order to spite the United States — declare Libya's total alignment with the Warsaw Pact. The Americans will be the losers. Otherwise, Libya — which is merely safeguarding its independence and is holding on to its experience and is defending its soil and national objectives — continues to be neutral and nonaligned. Then

Reagan comes and by resorting to baseless pretexts for which there is no proof — they are all lies — pours his wrath on Libya and floods it with his bombs. What choice will such states have other than to join? [sentence as published] definitely, there will be a reaction in such a state to such tyranny. The aggression will rebound against them and will not be in the interest of the United States which will lose a great deal. Let us suppose that the entire region becomes harnessed in favor of the Warsaw Pact. What will Reagan have accomplished through his stupid behavior and his defiance of and aggression against Libya? The result will be that he will regret his action when remorse will be in vain. It may happen that anyone may come and do such a thing out of spite, or react or do anything.

[Manaf] Did you expect the Soviet Union to play a greater role?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Firmly and confidently: Of course, we expect the Soviet Union to play a greater role, and I believe that it is now moving toward playing such a role.

[Manaf] Did you sense any kind of change from the Soviet Union?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] On my part, as someone who is following the matter I can understand or comprehend the Soviet Union's steps, but as for the ordinary citizen he may conclude that [the Soviet Union] has failed him or he may think along such lines.

[Manaf] Brother Colonel, I do not hide from you the fact that some people in Egypt say: They did it with 'Abd al-Nasir in 1967 and they are repeating it with Al-Qadhdhafi in 1986. These people are probably the ones who have ill intentions. But people of good intentions say: How can units of the Soviet fleet withdraw as a gesture of appeasement and then the United States launches a war and that there was no reaction to the ferocious and big attack, particularly when Soviet missiles were previously hit. What is wrong and what is right in these views?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] If rumors which say that the Soviet stand was negative and if rumors and doubts about the Soviet stand are true, this means we should negotiate with the United States at the expense of the region's peoples and countries, especially the Arab people and people of the Nonaligned Movement. This would make the USSR lose the people who support the world's liberation movements. This would result in a big loss for the USSR. I say here "if" because it is an assumption. I am sure the USSR would not accept this. I trust the USSR's stand. I expect that the USSR's stand will completely dispel these doubts. This stand will be in reply to the assault against all of us in this progressive Arab country which a friend of the USSR and a nonaligned country, and also against the people in the entire Arab homeland and against the Third World countries. If is also an assault against the USSR itself and its interests and against its friends who are linked with it at least through a common struggle. I hope this stand will be forthcoming, God willing.

[Manaf] Brother Colonel, did the Warsaw Pact intervene?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] This incident resulted in serious consultations between us. A discussion is going on about article 9 of the Warsaw Pact document. I do not want to add any more now.

[Manaf] Let us go back to Arab alliances. Do you plan to establish a front or a group — and I do not say an axis — as a nucleus for unity similar to the steadfastness group, particularly when

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warmth has begun to return to Libyan-Algerian relations and when God gave us Sudan as a compensation for Iraq?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Generally, unity action within a unity program with Algeria is agreed upon. This is what the Algerian people said in their referendum on the national charter. Steps for unity with Syria, Yemen, and Sudan also continue. But we are envisaging unity among Arabs in general because we see a real threat to all the Arabs. The enemies' planes do not distinguish between Arab land. Israeli planes bombed Tunis and U.S. planes bombed Tripoli and Benghazi, and Beirut before them. This means that they are aiming at all of us. In any case, I generally think of the unity of all Arabs.

[Manaf] If it is difficult to establish unity among all Arabs at present, do you envisage unity among a group which is really close?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Within a comprehensive unity or union, there are special circumstances. I mean a merger or unity can be achieved between two countries. This merger or unity can be achieved between more than two countries. It also can be a form of unity within an Arab union. I think of unifying the Arabs within federation because I see that the threat is menacing all Arabs. I believe that revolution and unity will mature with the passage of time. We want the nation to rise above the state. We want the Arab nation to rise above the regional state. Within this federation, circumstances of all systems will allow them to merge and will allow for further unity.

[Manaf] In view of your war experience with the United States and the fact that you were brought to a confrontation with a superpower — the United States — alone, have you reviewed your stand on the Gulf war?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] We are independent in our stand. We are against the Gulf war. I am personally very pained because there are victims among both Muslim parties; as Arabs and Muslims, this makes us sorry. I wish that the two countries were not involved in this war. I hope that this war will stop because Iraqi blood and Iraq's army and Iranian blood and Iran's army are dear to us.

[Manaf] In view of the current Arab situation, did you expect that the Arab summit to convene when you asked for it in order to discuss the Libyan-U.S. war?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] In fact, I did not call for an Arab summit. Arab countries — Kuwait, the YAR, and Algeria — made this call. Libya did not call for an emergency Arab summit. But summit will be held in the near future, God willing.

[Manaf] Will this summit convene to discuss one topic or will it discuss several topics?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] It will convene without agenda. The Arabs will meet in an emergency summit as a result of NATO's attack represented in the U.S. aggression. After the meeting discusses and debates this issue, anyone can propose any issue.

[Manaf] Let us go back to the subject of the Arab Libyan Armed Forces which demonstrated an honorable position in this war. Might we hear from you — the supreme commander of Arab Libyan Armed Forces — an assessment of this performance and a message to these troops?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] All Arab Libyan people are armed and a part of the resistance. We prepared for the battle we expected. The

Americans were extremely arrogant. There is no doubt that angels fought alongside the Libyan fighters. God sent troops whom you did not see. "Hast thou not seen how thy Lord dealt with the people of the elephant? Did he not cause their plan to miscarry? And he sent against them swarms of birds which ate their carrion, striking them against stones of clay. And thus made them like broken straw, eaten up." [Koranic verses] The angels undoubtedly descended to earth at that moment and fought alongside the Libyan fighters and destroyed [the enemy], thus surpassing its electronic equipment. God is greater than the United States and NATO. The Libyan people were vigilant while the Libyan skies were ablaze to the point that other waves of attacks were forced to drop their bombs into the sea and flee because the Libyan skies were converted into a hell. They were surprised to see the fire confronting and repulsing them. Today we are more prepared than ever and we have expanded the circle of hell. If the U.S. planes return, they will be burned, God willing.

[Manaf] Divine power is a recognized matter and it is the Almighty's right. Did the technology with which the Arab Libyan Army was supplied play a role in this regard?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] We are a country that cannot be easily ignored on the military level. We get our weapons from the Soviet Union. They are better than U.S. weapons. These weapons are from a country opposed to NATO countries. They are not from India or South Africa. Consequently, the military power we possess cannot be ignored. The United States fears the Soviet weapons and takes them into consideration. We did not lose this battle. On the contrary, this increased our vigilance, expanded our training, and caused the further development of our defensive systems. We, moreover, made political gains.

[Manaf] These are effective weapons. But they are not used against Israel. What do you have to say?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] They are basically for defensive purposes. The Israeli existence is aggressive. Consequently, the weapons [are to be used] against Israel, the enemy of the nation. But as long as some Arabs of this nation make themselves guards of Israel how can we use these weapons against Israel while Libya is fighting NATO and Israel's guard? If Egypt starts the battle against Israel you will see where these weapons will be. In 1973 when the battle broke out against Israel, you saw Libyan weapons. At that time these weapons were not so powerful qualitatively or quantitatively. You saw how these weapons made their way to the battle as the troops crossed the canal using these weapons. During the first wave of attack, all the boats used to cross the canal were Libyan as Egypt was not able to acquire them at that time. The mobile artillery used in the canal region was Libyan. Libyan units were dispatched. I, myself, left for Cairo, but found Al-Sadat surrendering. After the elimination of the [Camp David] accords you will find these weapons in Egypt. How can we use these weapons as long as the liberation road is closed?

[Manaf] Egypt proposed dispatching a medical mission. This was met with appreciation. Was it rejected because Libya has enough medical capabilities or because of the position toward Camp David accords?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] We are very happy because we do not need medical assistance. Had it not been for the Egyptian political position we would not have people killed or wounded. If Egypt wants to treat our wounds it has to leave the stable and return to

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the ranks of Arab resistance against Zionism and imperialism. The Americans were trained in Egypt during the joint maneuvers and implemented their training against us. They will later implement their training against the Egyptian people. The medical treatment we want from Egypt is to stand up against our savage enemy, to differentiate between the usurpation of Palestine, the occupation of Beirut, the blowing up of the Iraqi nuclear reactor, the keeping of Tabah, the strafing of Tunis, the hijacking of the Egyptian passenger plane, the downing of the Libyan civilian plane, and the strafing of Tripoli and Benghazi. Generally speaking, we are grateful for the medical assistance offer.

Al-Qadhdhafi Message Addressed to WPC Chairman
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["Text" of message from "brother commander of the revolution" Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi addressed to the chairman of the WPC and read to delegates at the WPC session held in Sofia; date not specified]

[Text] Tripoli, 1 May (JANA) — Mr Chairman of the World Peace Council.

In this year, which the United Nations has decided to be the year of peace, and within which your current meeting is being held, the people of the Great Jamahiriyyah have been exposed to barbaric aggression by the United States and NATO, using the most sophisticated weapons of devastation and annihilation to bomb residential quarters, killing women, children and the aged. The bombing covered also schools, hospitals and hostels for the aged. All this took place in accordance with the direct orders of the heads of states of big powers such as Reagan and Thatcher.

The child-killers Reagan and Thatcher have manifested the most abominable pictures of deprivation of character and disregard for peoples and their values. The perpetrators of the barbaric aggression on the people of the Great Jamahiriyyah have manifested the utmost degree of arrogance by creatures who have no connection with civilization and culture, who came to us with their barbaric actions from depths of barbaric bestial times. The child-killers have come with their fleets and planes on the pretext of combating terrorism. But the world has ascertained that there was no terrorism or terrorists in Libya, only women and children killed on the orders of Reagan and Thatcher.

Never before in history has a big power amassed scores of terroristic ships, aircraft carriers, and 170 fighter and bomber aircraft to launch a raid on a small people. Never before in history have 44 planes taken part in bombing the house of a commander of one country, as happened in the treacherous U.S. aggression against the Great Jamahiriyyah.

This behavior by the head of state of a big country — who is supposed to be directly responsible for safeguarding international peace and security — confirms that in this age, Reagan represents neo-Nazism. It is impossible to reach an understanding with him, just as it was impossible to reach an understanding with Hitler. As Hitler fell as a result of the alliance of peoples, Reagan too must fall by the alliance of all the peoples on earth. Indeed, his fall, following his criminal behavior as epitomized by his

stances, constitutes the only guarantee for world peace and security.

Efforts must be exerted to deprive the United States of its permanent membership of the UN Security Council because of its exploitation of this membership for purposes other than those originally intended, which are safeguarding international peace and security. It must be deprived of this prejudice [inhiyaz] so that it may not be able to use it to bestow a legitimate character to its aggression on the peoples, as is the case with all U.S. stances at the Security Council.

The savage and failed aggression against the people of the Great Jamahiriyyah did not achieve its aims. This aggression foundered on the rock of the resistance of Libyan men and women. The Libyan revolution is still strong and steadfast; it has not surrendered, or kneeled; it is aligned by the side of the oppressed peoples, and is supporting the cause of freedom everywhere, and is still the Great Jamahiriyyah.

This small country, with its small population, is resisting U.S.-NATO aggression. It is fighting in the name of the oppressed in the world in order that the U.S. alliance is destroyed, that its arrogance will be defeated, and in order that it would be confirmed to the world that land belongs to God and to the peoples of the earth without distinction of race, language, culture, or religion.

With the political and social power it constitutes, your conference demands that decisions should be made which rise to the level of the threats constituted by the provocations of imperialism, as well as its threats and aggressions. The situation demands that the Mediterranean Sea region should occupy a paramount position. It is in the interests of the conference to emphasize the most important demands of the peoples of this vital region of the world so as to see the Mediterranean Sea free from fleets and nuclear arms, as a lake of peace, and a bridge of peaceful cooperation and of the deepening of political and civilized dialogue between its peoples.

I stress to you that we will continue — and the peoples of the world are with us — to resist imperialism until peace spreads throughout the world; until the U.S. aggression is defeated everywhere; until the United States takes its hand from Nicaragua, Palestine, South Africa and Angola; until the United States confines itself to its borders and respects the peoples of the earth and their right to life, security and peace,

Forward, the revolutionary struggle continues.
 [signed] Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi

Letter Evokes 'Great Interest'
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[Excerpt] Tripoli, Shaban 21, May 1, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY — The World Peace Conference concluded its sessions in the Bulgarian capital Sofia. Participants in the conference listened to the letter the leader of the revolution sent to the chairman of the World Peace Council.